

Application No. 10/509,121

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Amend the paragraph on page 15, line 23 as follows:

Figure 1A shows an amino acid sequence comparison between the mutant ALS proteins $(SEQ\ ID\ NOS:\ 2,\ 4,\ 6,\ 8)$ and the wild type ALS protein $(SEQ\ ID\ NO:\ 39)$.

Amend the paragraph on page 15, line 28 as follows:

Figure 2A shows a nucleotide sequence comparison between the mutant ALS genes (SEQ ID NOS: 1, 3, 5, 7) and the wild type ALS gene (SEQ ID NO: 38).

Amend the paragraph on page 17, line 15 as follows:

Figure 18A shows a nucleotide sequence comparison between Nippon-bare EST (SEQ ID NO: 35) and maize ALS gene (SEQ ID NO: 36).

Amend the paragraph on page 17, line 19 as follows:

Figure 19A is a nucleotide sequence comparison between the full-length cDNA derived from Sr line $(SEQ\ ID\ NO:\ 37)$ and wild type cDNA 1 $(SEQ\ ID\ NO:\ 38)$.